

activating said oxygen scavenger with an oxygen scavenger accelerator; and sealing said outer wall.

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~~26~~. (New) The method of claim ¹⁰~~25~~, wherein said partition member includes a tray covered by a stretch film wrapping, said tray and said stretch film wrapping enclosing said second compartment.

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~~27~~. (New) The method of claim ¹¹~~26~~, wherein said outer wall includes a plastic bag.

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~~28~~. (New) The method of claim ¹⁰~~25~~, wherein said non-barrier portion of said partition member has a rate of oxygen permeability greater than about 1000 cubic centimeters per 100 square inches in 24 hours.

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~~29~~. (New) The method of claim ¹³~~28~~, wherein said outer wall has a rate of oxygen permeability less than about 0.1 cubic centimeters per 100 square inches in 24 hours.

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~~30~~. (New) The method of claim ¹⁰~~25~~, wherein said oxygen scavenger is constructed to reduce a level of said residual oxygen to less than about 0.05 percent within 90 minutes after flushing said first compartment.

REMARKS

Original claims 1-15 of the present application have been canceled, and new claims 16-30 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2508 (Order No. PCOA673--1) for any omitted fees, except for the issue fee.

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